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Don't Rubbish our Free Beaches

Point Impossible (Torquay) nudists will take part in this year's "Clean Up Australia Day" on Sunday March 4th.

Following a meeting called by Surf Coast Shire in January, agreement was reached on a range of measures and actions that could be taken to protect the environmentally significant area from damage by inappropriate use.

Whilst members of the public have until Friday March 9th to comment on the proposals, users of the Clothing Optional Beach have taken the positive action of registering the area as an official "Clean Up Australia" site, and have called on beach users, both local and tourist visitors, to invest some of their time into ensuring that the beach remains a place of beauty.

Mr Rob Stephenson, co-ordinator of the event, said "one of the important outcomes from our meeting was a recognition that the best way to preserve the beach is for users and the responsible authorities to work together to deal with management issues."

"We believe this sends an important signal that beach users are prepared to take responsibility, and make a contribution to ensuring that Point Impossible remains Victoria's premier Clothing Optional beach."

"Following the clean up, we will be making time to enjoy the beach – naturally!"

Mr Stephenson urged those able to help to gather at the Point Impossible western carpark (The Esplanade) at 10 am on Sunday morning, and to bring gloves, bags and buckets for collecting broken glass and other litter.

Rubbish will be collected from the carpark by Great Ocean Road Coast Committee staff.

Further details are available at the Clean Up Australia website:

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